

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
June 18, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Mary Feathers, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Mark LaPlaca, Min Lin, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin.
Absent: Chris Kueffner

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Ms. Feathers, Chair.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to add memo regarding BEST Cooperating/Mentor Teachers to Consent Agenda. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mrs. Kelly discussed the draft guidelines and application form from the Goodwin Bequest Committee. In the fall 2009, Mansfield children will be invited to apply for funding for projects to promote the civic conscience of Dorothy C. Goodwin. **MOTION** by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to approve the draft document, including application, with committee convening in August/September 2009 to finalize guidelines. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Financial Services: Jeff Smith, Director of Finance, discussed the fiscal services agreement. **MOTION** by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded by Ms. Patwa to accept the agreement between the Town of Mansfield, The Mansfield Board of Education, and The Region 19 Board of Education for Financial, Information Technology and Risk Management. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- Mansfield Board of Education 2009-2010 Goals: **MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adopt the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education Goals – 2009-2010. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin, seconded Mr. LaPlaca that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of June 18, 2009 be approved or received for the record: **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the June 11, 2009 Board meetings.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the teachers recommended for Cooperating/Mentor Teacher Training.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Ms. Silver-Bernstein asked there be follow-up of Bridges program in fall. It was suggested that an overview of the Math program also be provided after the elections in November. The agenda for the Board workshop in July will be discussion of goals, Four Schools Renovation Project, and budget.

Mrs. Kelly, speaking for the Board, thanked Jeff Smith for his years of service to the Board as Director of Finance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded Mr. LaPlaca to move into Executive Session at 8:46pm to discuss contract negotiations and superintendent's evaluation. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded by Ms. Patwa to return to open session at 11:28pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Hamlin to ratify the United Public Service Employees Union 2009-2012 Contract contingent upon ratification by the Union. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to approve a 2% salary increase with 2 furlough days for the Superintendent. **VOTE:** Ms. Silver-Bernstein, Mr. LaPlaca in favor. Mr. Hamlin, Ms. Lin, Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Patwa, Mrs. Paulhus opposed. Motion failed.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Patwa to approve a 1% salary increase with 1 furlough day for the Superintendent. **VOTE:** Mr. Hamlin, Mr. LaPlaca, Ms. Patwa, Mrs. Paulhus, Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor. Ms. Lin and Mrs. Kelly opposed. Motion passed.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Patwa to approve a 1% salary increase with 1 furlough day and no step movement for the Singletons. **VOTE:** Ms. Patwa and Mrs. Paulhus in favor. Mr. Hamlin, Mr. LaPlaca, Ms. Lin, Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Silver-Bernstein opposed. Motion failed.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve a 0% salary increase with no step increase for the Singletons. **VOTE:** Mr. Hamlin, Mr. LaPlaca, Mrs.

Kelly, Ms. Patwa, Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor. Ms. Lin and Mrs. Paulhus opposed. Motion passed.

MOTION by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Lin to approve a 0% salary increase with no step increase for the Director of Information Technology. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus abstaining.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to adjourn at 11:55pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk